

Highlights of MHSA State Interagency Partners' Meeting
May 24, 2010

Host: California Department of Social Services
Organized by California Department of Mental Health
Contact: Debbie Manas, DMH

Department of Social Services – Presentation on the California Wraparound Program – Cheryl Treadwell, Chief

- Fostering connection act alters federal policy in five key areas: support for kinship care, supports for older foster youth, ensuring positive educational and health care outcomes for foster children, support and incentives for adoption, and direct access to federal funds for Indian tribes.
- Concurrent services are being looked into- alternative permanent options other than returning home in case returning home is a failed option.
- How should group home care should look- least restrictive-
 - How can families engage in a group home setting
 - Looking at outcomes around safety and well being
 - Families being able to care for their kids.
- Wrap around engages families and can be crossed into multiple systems
 - Wrap has a lot of crisis response type of services that are needed
 - Flex fund for utilities, emergency needs
 - Counties wrap slots are not capped, only limited by the capacity of the county to provide services.
- Lawsuit- Rate increase went up 33% due to Court ruling on payments to providers for services.
 - The result is disincentive to place in group home
 - Not being matched with group homes
 - Money is being returned
 - What DSS does now:
 - Lots of county support
 - Existing contract with UC Davis
 - Site visits
 - Wrap is still evidence based and proactive

Questions:

What piece of Wraparound is supported by MHSA?

Answer: Training, technical assistance, staffing and conferences are all a part of wraparound and supported by the MHSA. An emphasis is placed on performance outcomes.

MHSA Budget Updates

DMH Community Services Division -- Mark Heilman, Acting Deputy Director and Silvia Rodriguez, Chief Operations Support

Talking Points:

Overview of the MHSA Fund

Funds from 5% Administrative fund must meet MHSA requirement

What are the 5% funds being used for and how do they benefit mental health services and state level coordination?

The 10% reduction was not included in the May Revision; however, the Legislature is monitoring State Partner performance and value of administrative services.

If you submit an updated BCP for more MHSA resources, please work with your Liaison and inform the Department of your plans.

Round Robin Discussion – Opportunity for Departments to identify activities related to MHSA

California Department of Education

Foster care/ Kinship offers student support

Special Education deals with AB 3632 out of state placement

Child traumatic stress network- trauma in the neighborhood.

Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs

Cal Start- Alcohol and drug program- fetal work group

Continues to work on VET issues, Initiative on website

Department of Aging

Grandparents raising grandchildren support program:

Elders caring for grandchildren and children with disabilities

Administrative Office of the Courts

Beyond the Bench 2010 Conference June 3 - 4

Juvenile related topics

Family law

Training with education, mental health, assignments

Mental health task force report

Review process

Recommendation level

Taskforce report will be going out for public comment beginning in July

Link will be sent out

Focuses on kids in dependency and juvenile system

Department of Health Care Services

CalMEND: partnered with UCLA to examine medication safety use, psych meds with kids

California State Library

News bulletin every month "Study in the News"

Research in Australia and New Zealand

Mental health research

Department of Mental Health New library located in DMH HQ

Office of State wide Health Planning and Development

2009 shortage areas

Grants to fund education and training for health professionals (i.e. Physician assistant)

12 scholarships, loan repayment program

Last year 280 award recipients

Board of Behavioral Science, Department of Consumer Affairs

New licensure

Candidates can start applying January 1, 2011.

Working with Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

Opportunities for funding 133 senate bills MSHA

Basic principles additional training, public services, trauma

Department of Developmental Services

DDS MHSA awarded funds

Training to family of consumers regional planning events throughout the state discuss areas of collaboration

Department of Social Services

Work with Parent Partner

Clarity around role description

185 people statewide

Looking at a way of screening foster parents

Reminders

January – June 2010 Progress reports are due July 1, 2010

Updated Work plans 2010/11 are due

Quarterly MHSA meeting will be scheduled in August or September 2010

BBS will host next meeting

End of Notes